[Mr. M. S. Doraswami Aiyangar.]

starting the factory are necessary, a sum of Rs. 20,000 is now required under 'capital expenditure not charged to revenue'. Hence, I move for the grant.

Mr. V. Sankara Menon: Can the honourable member give us a brief account of the progress that has been achieved by the Ceramic Factory ?

Mr. M. S. Doraswami Aiyangar: Sir, all the works connected with the factory have been nearly completed.

President: The factory will be opened very soon. I am glad to say that all the first class quality clay produced by the factory is practically sold.

The question before the House is that Government be granted a sum of Rs. 20,000 under Demand XV—Industries including Clay Refining and Porcelain Factory.

The motion was put and carried.

The grant was made.

DEMAND XX—FORESTS INCLUDING DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT.

Dr. S. K. Pillai (*Technical Assistant to the Director of Development*): Sir, I rise to move for a supplementary grant of Rs. 46,705 under Demand XX—Forests (including Director of Development). The sum is made up of expenditure under four items.

The first item is a supplementary demand for a sum of Rs. 3,500 required for the construction of a building for housing the proposed Sports Factory. The Development Department has been in correspondence with certain sports goods manufacturers for more than a year with a view to entering into negotiations for starting sports goods manufacture, such as making tennis rackets, badminton rackets etc., in Travancore. Now, Messrs. Northland Sports Works have come forward with a proposal. They will have to be granted the right to manufacture and sell sporting goods by erecting a factory at their cost. A rent free building for the factory has to be placed at the disposal of the firm for a period of five years and it will be their duty to train Travancoreans in the industry. A sum of Rs. 3,500 is required for this purpose and the building will remain as the property of Government. As negotiations in this matter between Government and the company are complete only now, the amount necessary could not be included in the Budget. Item No. 2 is for a grant required for adjusting the value of machinery ordered from England in 1114. There was a provision of Rs. 10,960 in the Departmental Budget for purchasing venus peeling machine, roller

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feed, glue spreading machine and sanding machine. All these were ordered from Messrs. John Pickles & Son, Ltd., Engineers, England, in 1114 itself and payment against shipping documents was arranged through the Imperial Bank, London, in May 1939. There was some delay on the part of the firm in despatching the machines. On the fourth of August they presented the shipping documents relating to the roller feed, glue spreading and sanding machines at the Bank and demanded payment and provided that they would despatch the third machine towards the end of August 1939. As payment for all the three machines was arranged in a Bank it was enquired through their Trivandrum Branch whether part payments for the two machines could be made. By the time our reply reached London and payment was made, the financial year was out and thus payments for all the three machines were made only during 1115. The supplementary grant of Rs. 11,205 asked for is to adjust the value of these three machines.

Thirdly, an additional grant for the Development Department is required for the purchase of Ascu chemicals, etc. The sanctioned provision under this item is only Rs. 8,000. Out of this Rs. 4,071 has been spent for purchasing four tons of Ascu chemicals from the Ascu Supply Agency, Madras as per G. O. R. O. C. No. 8762/39 dated 15-11-39.

President: The honourable member will go a bit slow to enable honourable members to follow.

Dr. S. K. Pillai: Thus, the balance grant available is only Rs. 3,929. 16 tons of chemicals have been ordered from Messrs. Imperial Chemical Industries (India) Ltd., Cochin. Rs. 16,000 is approximately required for making payment to this. The balance provision under the item being only Rs. 3,929 another Rs. 12,000 is required. Also a sum of Rs. 2,000 is required for meeting office expenditure and miscellaneous expenditure, as the provision of Rs. 5,000 in the current year's budget is inadequate to meet the expenditure on account of this item.

The fourth item is for a grant of Rs. 18,000 for construction of rural bridges. At the time of the Budget estimate no information was available as regards the location and the number of rural bridges which have to be put up and therefore no provision could be made. Therefore the necessity for supplementary grant arose. A sum of Rs. 9,000 is required for three bridges. The department also undertook the construction of these three bridges, one at Samburvadakara, one at Chanthanthura and the third at Anchal. Hence the demand for the grant. I request the House to sanction the amount.

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Mr. Kochikal P. Balakrishnan Tampi: May I know whether Messrs. Northland Sports have agreed to the training of Travancoreans in their factory proposed to be installed in Travancore?

Dr. S. K. Pillai: Yes.

Mr. Kochikal P. Balakrishnan Tampi: Is it a definite understanding or is it for the Travancoreans to pick up as they go along?

Dr. S. K. Pillai: It is agreed that Travancoreans will be trained and after five years the firm is to go away.

Mr. Kochikal P. Balakrishnan Tampi: What are the goods used for the manufacture of sports materials?

Dr. S. K Pillai: Travancore timber.

Mr. Kochikal P. Balakrishnan Tampi: What variety?

Dr. S. K. Pillai: Angil, (Dysoxylon Meleturni), Poochakuruvu (Celtis tetrandra), Willox, Sagaria Laurina etc. (*Laughter*)

Mr. N. Krishna Aiyar: Will the honourable member give the list of the rural bridges proposed to be constructed with particulars of the localities where they are to be put up?

Dr. S. K. Pillai: Sir, the list is not ready.

Mr. Kochikal P. Balakrishnan Tampi: Sir, may I know why the construction of the rural bridges comes under the Forest, instead of the P. W. D?

President: The bridges are constructed by the Development Department out of the materials given by the Forest Department.

Mr. K K. Kuruvilla: Sir, may I know how money can be asked for a thing about which the honourable member has no idea? He does not know where these bridges are to be put up.

Dr. S. K. Pillai: Sir, the demand relates to rural bridges just to be put up.

President: The Chief Engineer will please explain the position.

Mr. M. S. Doraswami Aiyangar: Out of the bridges that are proposed to be built by the Director of Development these bridges cost about Rs. 9,000. The construction of these three bridges was undertaken directly by the Director of Development at Samburvadakara, Chanthanthura and Anchal. The sites for other bridges are being selected by the P. W D. in consultation with the Revenue Department and the framework for these bridges have been got ready by the Director of Development

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in his workshop. These will be transferred to the respective sites when they are fixed. There is an understanding between the P.W.D. and the Director of Development to the effect that the abutment of the bridges and the foundations thereof will be done by the P. W. D. and the superstructure by the Development Department in order to complete the bridges. Under that understanding the bridges are now being got ready by the Director of Development and when we finally fix up the sites the abutment will be constructed by us and the bridges completed in the necessary places by the Development Department.

Mr. N. Krishna Aiyar: May I know how many bridges are proposed to be put up by the additional grant?

Mr. M. S. Doraswami Aiyangar: About 12.

Mr. Kottur Kunjukrishna Pillai: May I know whether the supplementary grant of Rs. 18,000 is for the construction of new bridges or for the transportation of frames, or is it for bridges that have already been finished?

Mr. M. S. Doraswami Aiyangar: Rs. 9,000 is for payment towards the three completed bridges at the three places mentioned already, and for the superstructure of about 12 bridges the balance Rs. 9,600 is asked for.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: With reference to part (a), may I know what are the varieties of sports materials that will be manufactured in this factory?

Dr. S. K. Pillai: Tennis rackets, hockey sticks, polo sticks, cricket bats, badminton rackets, etc.

President: It has been found that our timber is good enough for all these and some firm has been found willing to carry on the work in Travancore.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: May I know whether Government have entered into any agreement with that firm for the manufacture of these things?

Dr. S. K. Pillai: Yes, Sir.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: As regards part (ii), may I know the purpose of these machinery proposed to be purchased?

President: Dr. Pillai will please explain the general trend of the tentative agreement arrived at.

Mr. Puthupally S. Krishna Pillai: Sir, the member only wants to know something about the machinery.

President: I thought it was machinery for the manufacture of sports goods.

Dr. S. K. Pillai: Sir, these three machines are got together for one purpose, that of plying Travancore timber,

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President: The question before the House is that Government be granted a sum of Rs. 46,705 under Demand XX—Forests including Director of Development.

The motion was put and carried.

The grant was made.

DEMAND XXVII—STATIONERY AND PRINTING.

Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar: Sir, I beg to move for an additional grant of Rs. 50,000 under Demand XXVII—"Stationery and Printing", under item "Printing of Malayalam Readers and Copy Books."

In the year 1114, unlike in the previous years, Government took up the printing of forty items of text books on various subjects besides the usual Malayalam readers. This involved an additional expenditure of Rs. 35,438. This amount had to be met from the current year's allotment of Rs. 40,000. The balance left is thus only Rs. 4,000 and odd. At the time when the Budget was prepared Government had no idea as to the amount required since the printing was done mostly in private presses and since the bills were received only late. This year too text books have to be printed. Hence this additional allotment.

Mr. K. K. Kuruvilla: May I know from the Government who is responsible for the reading of proofs of these readers that are printed?

Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar: The Director of Public Instruction.

Mr. K. K. Kuruvilla: Sir, I do not know whether he has the time to go through these readers. Those of us who peruse the pages of these readers know that there are several mistakes in the pages of these readers.

Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar: There are a number of proof readers in the Government Press and they will do the proof correction work. There is a staff in the Director's Office also to scrutinise the work of the proof readers. Government are aware that some mistakes were committed last time. This was due mainly to want of time. Instructions have been issued to see that such mistakes are not repeated.

Mr. K. K. Kuruvilla: Sir, some of the mistakes committed are tremendous and Government should take care that such mistakes do not occur.

Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar: Government have issued instructions in the matter.

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